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SUBJECT: PM MANLEY DENIES ELECTION PLANS

1. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY YESTERDAY DENIED RUMORS THAT HE MAY CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT TO FOIST A GENERAL ELECTION ON THE PEOPLE AT THIS TIME IS UNNECESSARY JUST WHEN THE COUNTRY IS SETTLING DOWN TO MOVE ITS PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

2. SPECULATION ABOUT A POSSIBLE GENERAL ELECTION WAS SPARKED BY INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION LEADER ROBERT LIGHTBOURNE AND FUELED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE KINGSTON AREA TOTALLING 11.5 MILLION DOLLARS AND PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND TOTALLING 100 MILLION DOLLARS. THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS WOULD EMPLOY SOME 30,000 PEOPLE. THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO HOLD CABINET MEETINGS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND STARTING IN MONTEGO BAY THIS WEEK ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RUMORS ABOUT ITS INTENTIONS.

4. COMMENT: GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE SEEM UNLIKELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, MANLEY IS  
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UNLIKELY TO WAIT UNTIL FORCED INTO ELECTIONS IN 1977.  
HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PICK THE MOST FAVORABLE MOMENT.

WHILE ELECTIONS NOW ARE UNLIKELY, MANLEY MIGHT DECIDE  
THE TIME HAS COME AFTER HE COMPLETES NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
THE SEVERAL BAUXITE COMPANIES SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. GERARD

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